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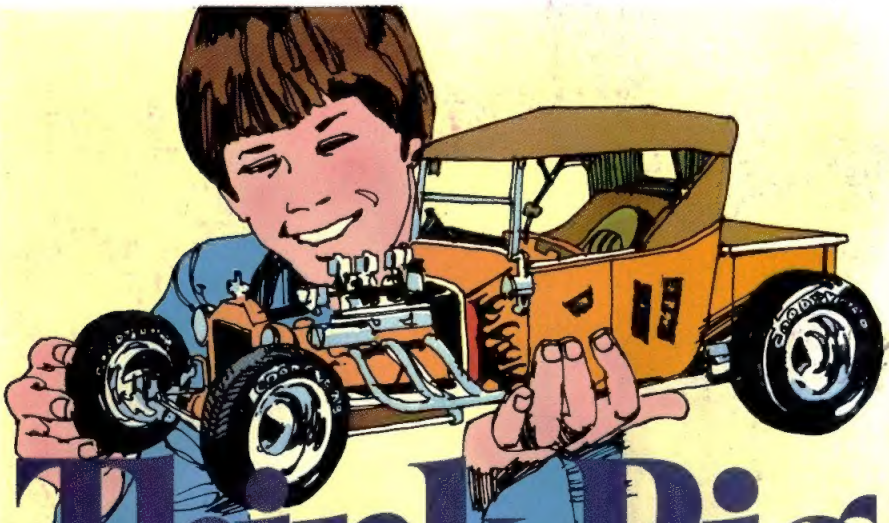

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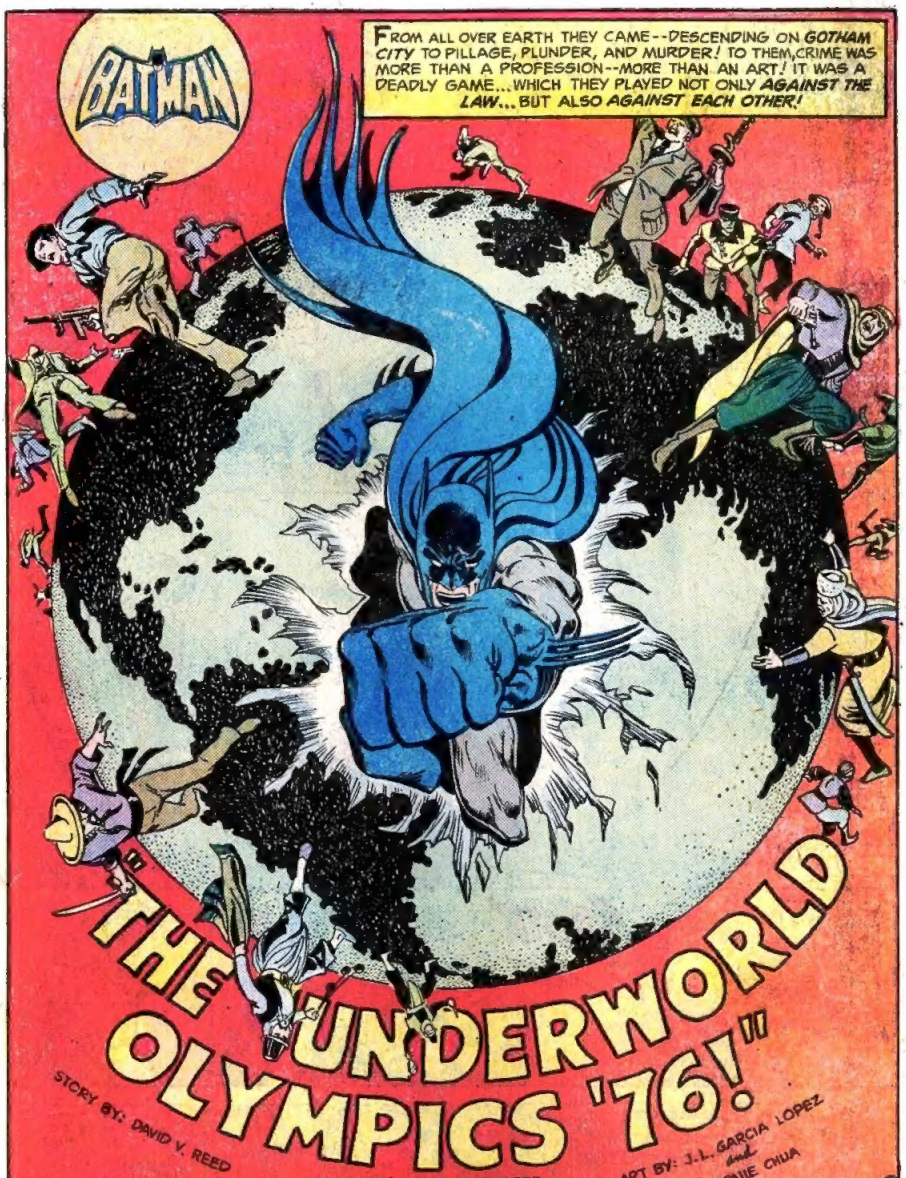
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"THE UNDERWORLD OLYMPICS '76!"
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CAN'T YOU TELL US WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
A PERSONAL, CONFIDENTIAL TIP... WHICH I MEAN TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL ...AND ATTEND TO PERSONALLY--NOW!
I'VE SPOTTED WHAT I CAME FOR!
A MOMENT LATER...
THAT'S ALL, SIR, THANK YOU!
NEXT, PLEASE...
HOLD IT!
BUT AS THE TOURIST WHIRLS AROUND...
KWAAK
UNNH
GET HIM, PANCHO!
NICE TRY, PANCHO--
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ZOP
--BUT I ONLY ALLOW ONE TO A CUSTOMER!
AND THAT'S THE LAST SHOT--
KNUNK
--YOUR CAMERA WILL EVER MAKE!
THEN...
LOOK CLOSE, OFFICERS --THE SIDE PANELS!
UNDER THE LEATHER VENEER... PADDING... THEN A SPACE--
--AND IN THAT SPACE--
--UNCUT EMERALDS!
A NEW ONE ON US, BATMAN!
IT'S USUALLY A FALSE BOTTOM!
THIS HAUL MUST BE WORTH A COOL MILLION!
A GOOD NIGHT'S WORK, BATMAN!
BUT IF ONLY THE BATMAN KNEW... THAT AT THE OPPOSITE END OF THE VAST AIRPORT--
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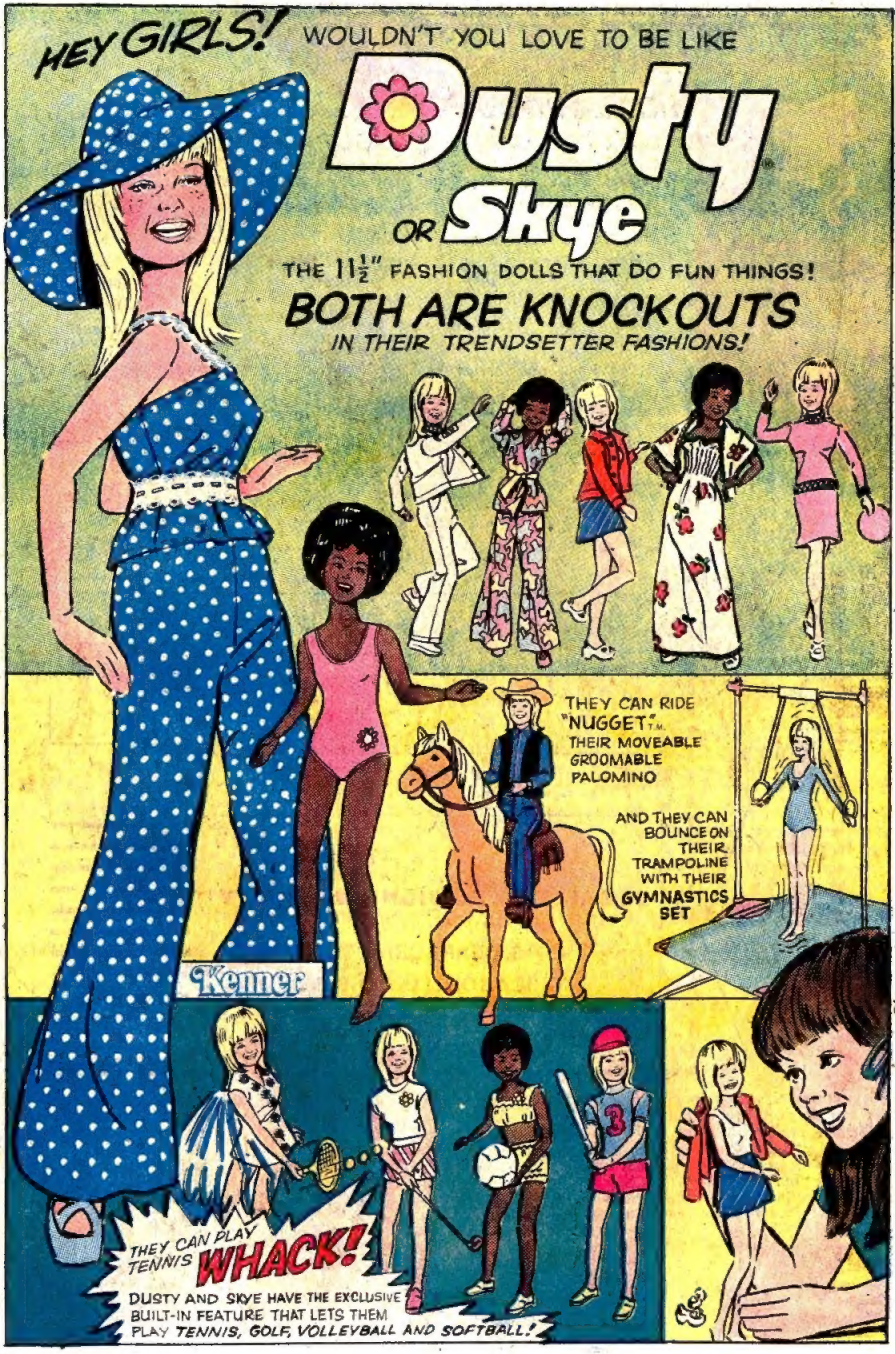
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OR Skye
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...ALONG WITH THE TOP BOOKIES AND GAMBLERS ...HERE TO WAGER STAGGERING SUMS DURING THE PROGRESS OF THE UNDERWORLD OLYMPICS...
THEN...
I CHOOSE ENVELOPE THREE-- MY LUCKY NUMBER!
TO LOUD AND PROLONGED APPLAUSE, THE SOUTH AMERICANS MAKE THEIR EXIT...
REMEMBER, AMIGOS-- WHATEVER YOU MAY NEED OR WANT TO COMPLETE YOUR ASSIGNMENT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE!
NOW... SOUTH AMERICA, TAKE IT AWAY!
FRIENDS, I MUST SAY ASSIGNMENT NUMBER THREE AUGURS WELL FOR OUR OLYMPICS--
--BECAUSE IT BEGINS WITH A MURDER!
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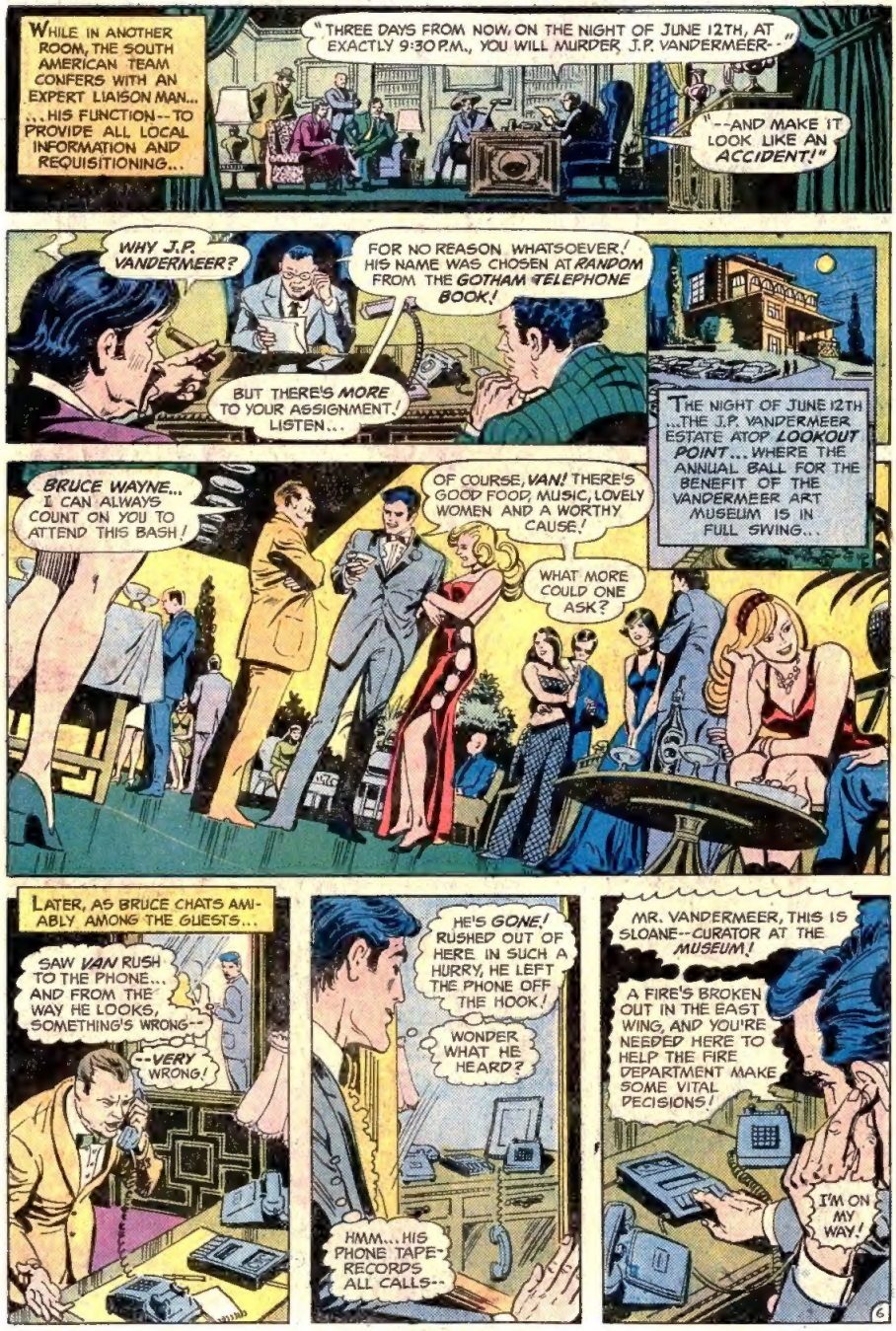
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FOR NO REASON WHATSOEVER! HIS NAME WAS CHOSEN AT RANDOM FROM THE GOTHAM TELEPHONE BOOK!
BUT THERE'S MORE TO YOUR ASSIGNMENT! LISTEN...
THE NIGHT OF JUNE 12TH ...THE J.P. VANDERMEER ESTATE ATOP LOOKOUT POINT... WHERE THE ANNUAL BALL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VANDERMEER ART MUSEUM IS IN FULL SWING...
BRUCE WAYNE... I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU TO ATTEND THIS BASH!
OF COURSE, VAN! THERE'S GOOD FOOD, MUSIC, LOVELY WOMEN AND A WORTHY CAUSE!
WHAT MORE COULD ONE ASK?
LATER, AS BRUCE CHATS AMIABLY AMONG THE GUESTS...
SAW VAN RUSH TO THE PHONE... AND FROM THE WAY HE LOOKS, SOMETHING'S WRONG--
--VERY WRONG!
HE'S GONE! RUSHED OUT OF HERE IN SUCH A HURRY, HE LEFT THE PHONE OFF THE HOOK!
WONDER WHAT HE HEARD?
HMM... HIS PHONE TAPE-RECORDS ALL CALLS--
MR. VANDERMEER, THIS IS SLOANE--CURATOR AT THE MUSEUM!
A FIRE'S BROKEN OUT IN THE EAST WING, AND YOU'RE NEEDED HERE TO HELP THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKE SOME VITAL DECISIONS!
I'M ON MY WAY!
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STRANGE! THIS PHONE IS A DIRECT CONNECTION TO THE MUSEUM!
WHY WOULD THE CURATOR MAKE AN EMERGENCY CALL ON THE REGULAR PHONE--DIALING IT--WHEN HE COULD HAVE GOT AN IMMEDIATE DIRECT CONNECTION?
THIS WHOLE THING SMELLS PHONY!
THERE GOES VAN--
--AND HERE GOES THE BATMAN!
DOWN FROM THE HILLTOP, THE MASKED MANHUNTER ROARS IN HOT PURSUIT ALONG THE NARROW WINDING ROAD--
I'M SURE BRUCE WAYNE WON'T MIND MY BORROWING HIS CONVERTIBLE!
SUDDENLY--FROM SOME DISTANCE FARTHER DOWN THE HILL--
CRRRA A'SHHHH
AN ACCIDENT!
I HOPE TO GOD IT ISN'T VAN!
MOMENTS LATER...THE BATMAN'S HOPES ARE AS SHATTERED AS THE SCENE THAT CONFRONTS HIM...
DEAD!
POOR VAN...HE MUST'VE LOST CONTROL!
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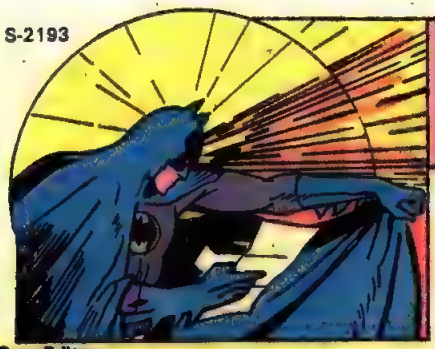

LETTERS to the BATMAN

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Dear Editor:

Batman # 268 was fantastic. My favorite all-around issue in over a year.

Everything about "Murder Masquerade" was great, including the title. What really amazed me was how **Batman**-ish the story was. The introduction of a new villain, the dramatic characterization of **Batman**, the return of **Robin** and his punning, the mystery, deadly action and ironic ending made it seem truly like "action and intrigue in the classic **Batman** tradition." Having the **Teen Wonder** along made the story more fun and I'm glad Denny O'Neil incorporated a reason for his presence into the plot. The art was good, too. I like Irv Novick as a rule and DC's finest inker, Tex Blaisdell, made it that much better.

Your competitor claims to have realistic characterization, but this has since deteriorated so that all heroes' thoughts and motives are interchangeable. Not so with DC. I can look at any balloon and tell whether it came from **Batman**, **Superman**, **Green Arrow** or whoever. And while they claim to have all the action, resulting in a fight scene for the sake of a fight scene, the action in a DC masterpiece flows smoothly in the story, making it seem more important and therefore more exciting. Just keep on turning out the world's greatest comics and I'll keep buying.

RICHY FORMAN, Warminster, Pa.

(As "Forman" of the jury examining the case of BATMAN #268, Richy speaks the majority opinion, and is echoed below!—BR)

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Dear Editor:

Behind the unpromising cover of **Batman #268** awaited a surprisingly good detective story. The cover, at first glance, seemed to offer an uncolorful, unexciting addition to **Batman's** Gallery of Villains. But much to my delight, Denny O'Neil gave **Batman** fans a treat with his excellent mystery tale. It truly highlighted the **Darknight Detective's** abilities as a sleuth.

I do, however, have one complaint about "Murder Masquerade": If Goforth and Hopkins wanted to rid themselves of their partner, Lunt, in order to gain control of his share, how could they do so if they were supposed to be dead?

MIKE CHRISTIANSEN, Rockford, Ill.

(Obviously, Mike, it's just another example of why criminals get caught—they make stupid mistakes!—BR)

Dear Editor:

You can call him **"Teen Wonder"** instead of **"Boy Wonder"**. You can send him to college, have him drawn less wide-eyed and more manly, and try to impress us with the fact that **Robin** has grown up into something more than a juvenile millstone. Or you can accomplish all you wish to with a story like "Murder Masquerade!"

Here you have a combination of everything **Robin's** been and everything he should be. Sure he's still eager for action, still a punster, but far more effective than he was before. **Batman** is partially incapacitated so part of his work falls to **Robin**. At this point, we expect the **Teen Titan** to end up conked, captured and in need of a timely rescue by his mentor. Instead, **Robin** shows himself to be as handy with his mind as with his fists and earns a "Well done, partner!" from **Batman**. "Partner"? Quite a change from "kid" or "chum"!

RAY ENGELBERG, Bronx, N.Y.

(Seems we've succeeded in upgrading Robin's image, with all but our next correspondent!—BR)

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Dear Sirs,

I have to note one rather obvious error in "Murder Masquerade!" On page 5, when Oliver Hopkins has been shot, Bruce (Batman) Wayne yells to Dick (Robin) Grayson, "See to him, Dick! Give him first aid—" Okay, fine and dandy. So how come Dick didn't realize that the man was not dead? Some detective he's gonna make!

MICHAEL F. PRIDEAUX, Laramie, Wyo.

(C'mon, Michael, Hopkins and Goforth had some fantastic trick to fool people into thinking they were dead. After all, Batman himself was tricked on page 3 and he taught Dick everything he knows!—BR)

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Dear People,

Boy, was I impressed with **Batman #268**. The story, art and the new villain, **The Sheikh**, were tee-rif-ic! In fact, everything was great but those camels on the cover. Whoever heard of camels with cellulite?

DAN McCORKLE, Arlington, Mass.

. . . . The Ernie Chua cover was great, but are those creatures supposed to be camels? Better buy Ernie a new encyclopedia!

MARK SCHMIEDER, Concord, Mass.

(Ernie insists that if you stand right in front of a charging camel, that's exactly what it'll look like! Want to try to prove otherwise?—Bob Rozakis)

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BAM!
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RIGHT, CHIEF.
THAT COMPLETES THE CUP CAKE CAPER. WE'VE GOT ALL THE CUP CAKES NOW.
NOT SO FAST, DUMB ONE.
I SUPPOSE YOU WANT US TO RETURN THESE HOSTESS CUP CAKES TO THE KIDS, JUST BECAUSE THEY LIKE THE DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE, CHOCOLATY ICING AND CREAMY FILLING.
THAT'S CORRECT, MY FIENDISH FRIEND. THAT'S WHY I'M ENDING YOUR CAPER RIGHT NOW!
THANKS FOR ENDING THE CUP CAKE CAPER, CAPTAIN MARVEL.
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BUT THEN--A LITTLE WAY BACK UP THE ROAD--
WHAT'S THIS? GLASS AND BITS OF METAL FROM VAN'S CAR... AND MORE PIECES BRUSHED ASIDE!
SOME SORT OF VIOLENT IMPACT HERE...HIT SOMETHING... A CAR?--THEN WHERE'S THE CAR?
BACK INTO HIS CAR--AND THE BATMAN IS BACK IN ACTION!
I'LL FIGURE IT OUT LATER! RIGHT NOW, THE QUESTION IS--WHERE IS THAT CAR AND WHY DID IT RUN AWAY?
IT DIDN'T PASS ME--SO IT HAD TO GO THE OTHER WAY--DOWNHILL!
AT BREAKNECK SPEED, HE BARELY HOLDS THE SERPENTINE ROAD THROUGH ITS PERILOUS TWISTS AND TURNS--
THERE IT IS--DOWN BELOW!
IF IT MAKES THE MAIN HIGHWAY AHEAD OF ME, I COULD LOSE IT--
--SO I'LL HAVE TO TAKE A SHORT CUT!
CAUGHT UP TO IT!
BRAKE LIGHTS SNAPPING ON!
IT'S SLOWING--
--TURNING AROUND--?!
COMING STRAIGHT AT ME!
UNLESS I LEAVE THE ROAD, I'LL CRASH INTO ME HEAD-ON!
--WHICH SUITS ME FINE!

SCREENED FROM VISION BY THE BLINDING GLARE OF DUELING HEADLIGHTS, THE BATMAN EXECUTES A BRILLIANT LAST-SECOND MANEUVER--TIMED TO PERFECTION!...
BARELY HAS THE DUST SETTLED WHEN--
THEIR CAR SURVIVED INTACT--BUT THEY WON'T!
WHO DO YOU THINK IT WAS... CHASING US LIKE THAT?
I DON'T KNOW--I CAN'T SEE ANYBODY!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK!
THAT BLADE!--WHAT AN ODD WEAPON TO BE CARRYING--!
BUT I KNOW WHERE IT'S GOING--
--OUT OF PLAY!
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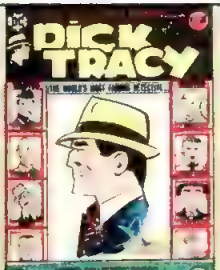

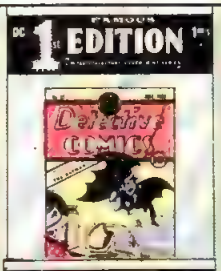

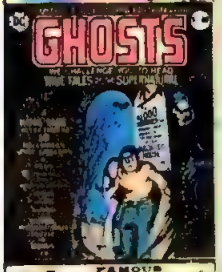

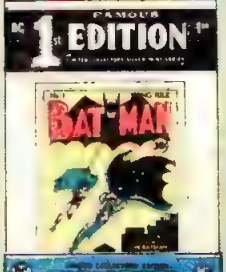

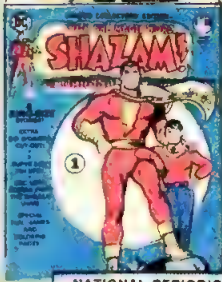

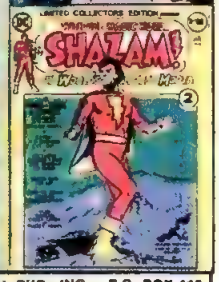

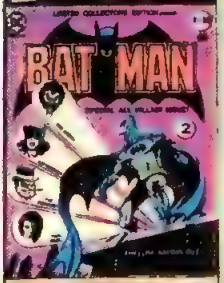

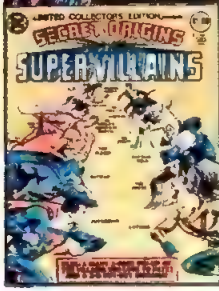

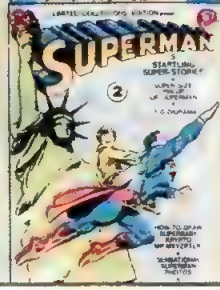

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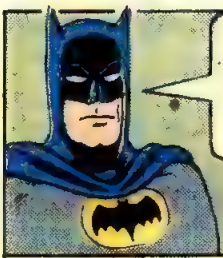

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HOWEVER, THE BATMAN SOMEHOW BECAME INVOLVED--AND CAPTURED TWO OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN TEAM!
THE REST OF THE TEAM IS PROCEEDING WITH PHASE-2...
AS OF NOW, WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE MURDER HAS PASSED AS AN ACCIDENT, SO JUDGMENT HERE IS SUSPENDED..
PENALTIES... 10 DEDUCTED FOR LOSING TWO MEN...
15 OFF FOR INVOLVING THE BATMAN-- GIVING THEM A TOTAL OF 20 OUT OF A POSSIBLE 45!
SOUTH AMERICA
PHASE-1
45
PENALTIES
25
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WHAT ABOUT THE BATMAN?--WHERE IS HE NOW?
UNKNOWN AT PRESENT--WE'LL KEEP YOU ADVISED!
THE NEWS SETS OFF A WAVE OF GAMBLING--
S.A. IS DOING PRETTY GOOD!
I'LL BET THE SHORT END ON THEM!
ARE YOU NUTS? WITH THE BATMAN NOBODY KNOWS WHERE?
AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT--
A SPECIALLY-BUILT STEEL BUFFER IN FRONT OF THE RADIATOR... LIKE A BATTERING RAM--
--OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED FOR HEAD-ON COLLISIONS--
FARTHER BACK UP THE ROAD, THE BATMAN'S INVESTIGATION CONTINUES--
OUR THEORY IS--EITHER MECHANICAL FAILURE...OR POSSIBLY A HEART ATTACK...
NEITHER, LIEUTENANT--IT WAS MURDER!
THE SAME CAR THAT WRECKED THE ONE I DROVE HAD EARLIER CRASHED VANDERMEER BACK THERE!
THEN, USING THEIR CAR, THEY PUSHED VANDERMEER'S CAR HERE--SO IT APPEARED HE HAD RAMMED THIS TREE!
AND USING THIS BLADE, THEY HACKED THE TREE TRUNK TO DUPLICATE THE EFFECTS OF A CRASH!
THE POLICE SAY THEY CHECKED EVERYTHING...
...BUT I'LL JUST POKE AROUND IN HERE A LITTLE, ANYWAY...
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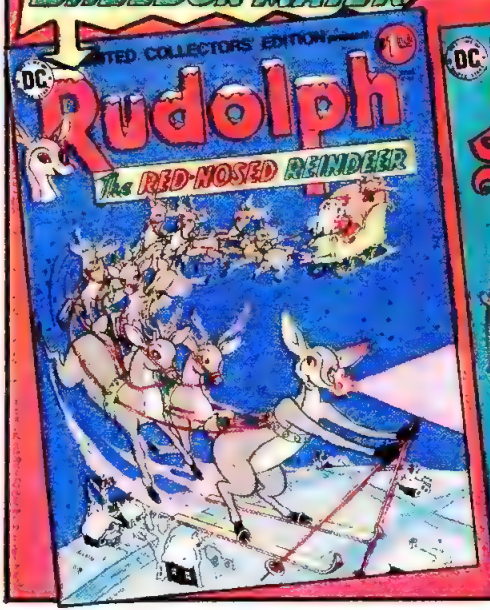

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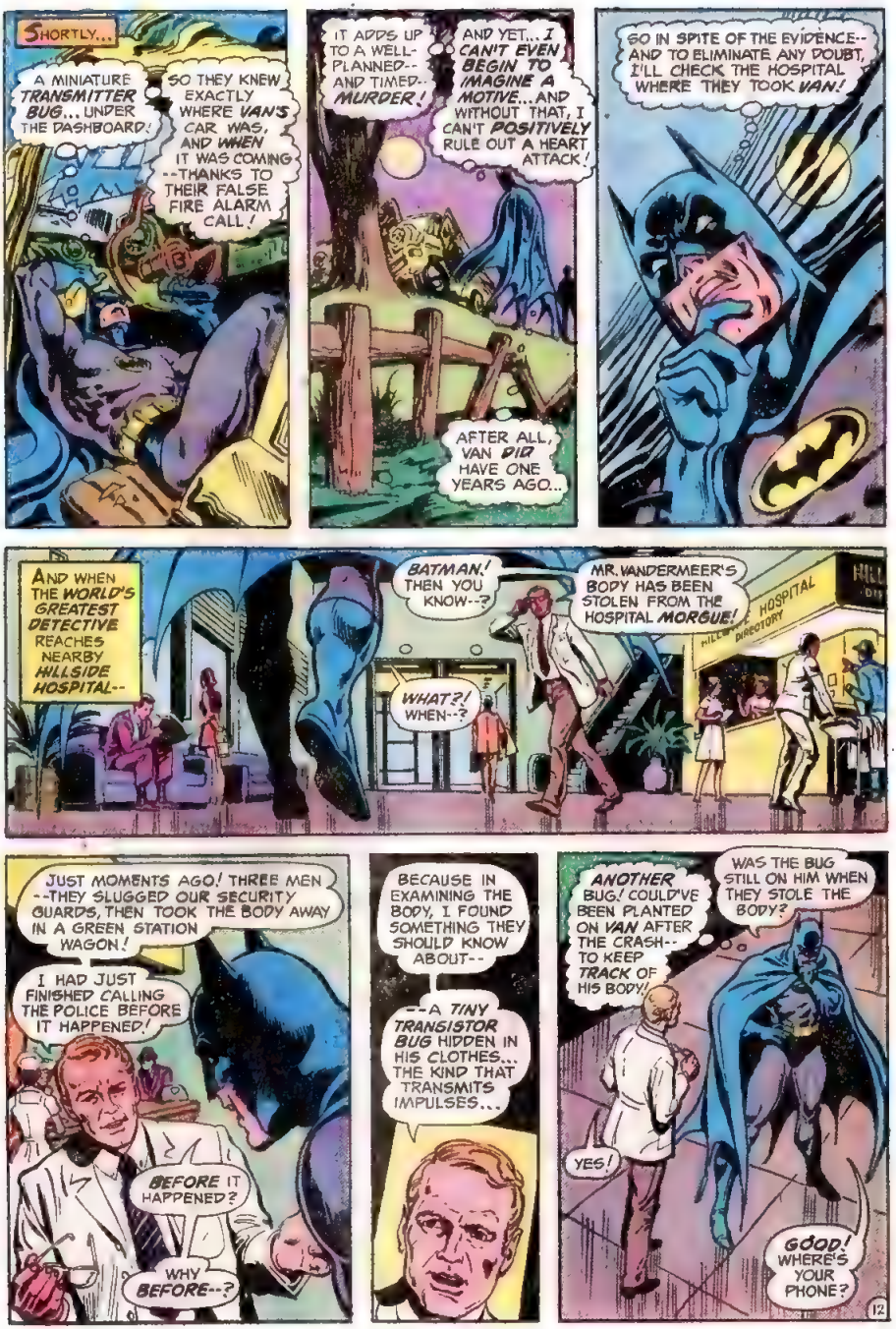
SHORTLY...
A MINIATURE TRANSMITTER BUG... UNDER THE DASHBOARD!
SO THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHERE VAN'S CAR WAS, AND WHEN IT WAS COMING --THANKS TO THEIR FALSE FIRE ALARM CALL!
IT ADDS UP TO A WELL-PLANNED-- AND TIMED-- MURDER!
AND YET... I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE A MOTIVE... AND WITHOUT THAT, I CAN'T POSITIVELY RULE OUT A HEART ATTACK!
AFTER ALL, VAN DID HAVE ONE YEARS AGO...
SO IN SPITE OF THE EVIDENCE-- AND TO ELIMINATE ANY DOUBT, I'LL CHECK THE HOSPITAL WHERE THEY TOOK VAN!
AND WHEN THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE REACHES NEARBY HILLSIDE HOSPITAL--
BATMAN! THEN YOU KNOW--?
WHAT?! WHEN--?
MR. VANDERMEER'S BODY HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM THE HOSPITAL MORGUE!
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JUST MOMENTS AGO! THREE MEN --THEY SLUGGED OUR SECURITY GUARDS, THEN TOOK THE BODY AWAY IN A GREEN STATION WAGON!
I HAD JUST FINISHED CALLING THE POLICE BEFORE IT HAPPENED!
BEFORE IT HAPPENED?
WHY BEFORE--?
BECAUSE IN EXAMINING THE BODY, I FOUND SOMETHING THEY SHOULD KNOW ABOUT--
--A TINY TRANSISTOR BUG HIDDEN IN HIS CLOTHES... THE KIND THAT TRANSMITS IMPULSES...
ANOTHER BUG! COULD'VE BEEN PLANTED ON VAN AFTER THE CRASH-- TO KEEP TRACK OF HIS BODY!
WAS THE BUG STILL ON HIM WHEN THEY STOLE THE BODY?
YES!
GOOD! WHERE'S YOUR PHONE?
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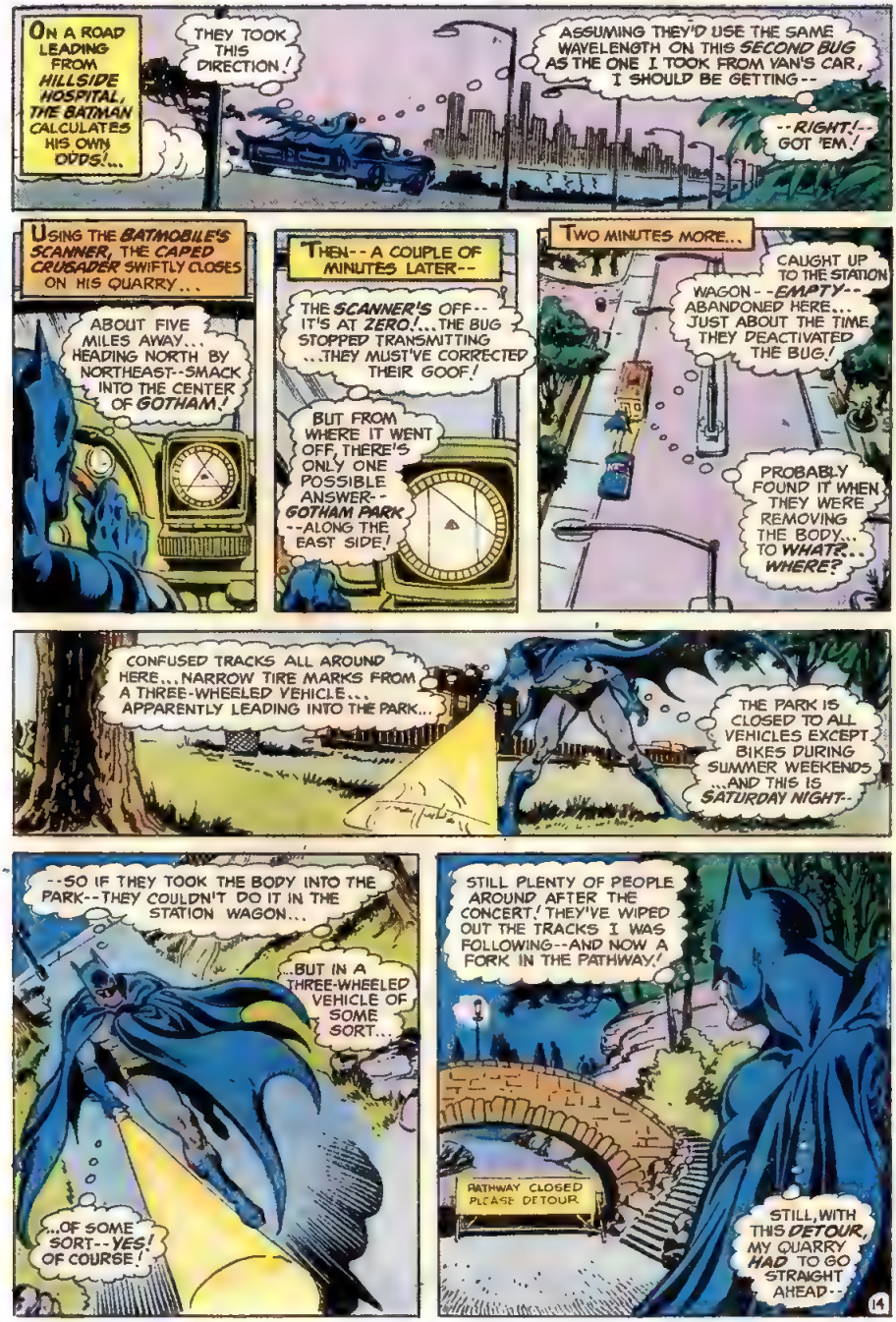
MOMENTS LATER... IN BRUCE WAYNE'S PENTHOUSE--
ALFRED, GET THE BATMOBILE OVER TO HILLSIDE HOSPITAL--FAST!
AT ONCE, SIR!
SIMULTANEOUSLY--AT THE OLYMPICS NERVE CENTER...
BULLETIN ON PHASE-2 --WORTH 30 POINTS!
I QUOTE THE DIRECTIVE: "THAT SAME EVENING, YOU WILL THEN STEAL THE BODY OF J.P. VANDERMEER FROM THE AUTHORITIES."
PHASE-2 HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT WITHOUT A HITCH--AND HAS BEEN AWARDED THE FULL 30 POINTS!
THAT GIVES THE SOUTH AMERICANS A TOTAL OF 50!
HOWEVER, OUR SPOTTERS REPORT THAT THE BATMAN'S CONTINUED INTEREST INDICATES VANDERMEER'S MURDER MAY NOT HAVE PASSED AS AN ACCIDENT!
SHOULD THIS PROVE TRUE, THERE WILL BE A LATER PENALTY OF 10 POINTS!
PHASE-3--WORTH THE FINAL 25 POINTS --IS NOW UNDER WAY! IF IT SUCCEEDS WITHOUT FURTHER PENALTIES --THE SOUTH AMERICANS WILL FINISH WITH A TOTAL OF 75 POINTS!
WHAT ARE THE ODDS NOW?
THEY'VE GOT THE BODY-- I'LL GIVE EVEN MONEY THEY PULL OFF PHASE-3!


ON A ROAD LEADING FROM HILLSIDE HOSPITAL, THE BATMAN CALCULATES HIS OWN ODDS!...
THEY TOOK THIS DIRECTION!
ASSUMING THEY'D USE THE SAME WAVELENGTH ON THIS SECOND BUG AS THE ONE I TOOK FROM VAN'S CAR, I SHOULD BE GETTING--
--RIGHT!-- GOT 'EM!
USING THE BATMOBILE'S SCANNER, THE CAPED CRUSADER SWIFTLY CLOSES ON HIS QUARRY...
ABOUT FIVE MILES AWAY... HEADING NORTH BY NORTHEAST--SMACK INTO THE CENTER OF GOTHAM!
THEN--A COUPLE OF MINUTES LATER--
THE SCANNER'S OFF-- IT'S AT ZERO!...THE BUG STOPPED TRANSMITTING ...THEY MUST'VE CORRECTED THEIR GOOF!
BUT FROM WHERE IT WENT OFF, THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER-- GOTHAM PARK --ALONG THE EAST SIDE!
TWO MINUTES MORE...
CAUGHT UP TO THE STATION WAGON--EMPTY-- ABANDONED HERE... JUST ABOUT THE TIME THEY DEACTIVATED THE BUG!
PROBABLY FOUND IT WHEN THEY WERE REMOVING THE BODY... TO WHAT?... WHERE?
CONFUSED TRACKS ALL AROUND HERE...NARROW TIRE MARKS FROM A THREE-WHEELED VEHICLE... APPARENTLY LEADING INTO THE PARK...
THE PARK IS CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT BIKES DURING SUMMER WEEKENDS ...AND THIS IS SATURDAY NIGHT--
--SO IF THEY TOOK THE BODY INTO THE PARK--THEY COULDN'T DO IT IN THE STATION WAGON...
...BUT IN A THREE-WHEELED VEHICLE OF SOME SORT...
...OF SOME SORT--YES! OF COURSE!
STILL PLENTY OF PEOPLE AROUND AFTER THE CONCERT! THEY'VE WIPED OUT THE TRACKS I WAS FOLLOWING--AND NOW A FORK IN THE PATHWAY!
PATHWAY CLOSED PLEASE DETOUR
STILL, WITH THIS DETOUR, MY QUARRY HAD TO GO STRAIGHT AHEAD--
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--OH NO THEY DIDN'T!
THERE ARE THE TRACKS AGAIN!
MOMENTS LATER--ANOTHER FORK AND ANOTHER SIGN--
SAME THING HERE--THE TRACKS CONTINUE PAST EVERY DETOUR!
THEY MUST'VE PLANTED THEM TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF THIS PART OF THE PARK!
IT'S PRACTICALLY A TRAIL IN ITSELF--JUST FOLLOW THE DETOURED PATHWAYS!
THEN--
THERE THEY ARE!--MUST BE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN AN ICE CREAM WAGON AVOIDING CUSTOMERS--AND ACCOMPANIED BY TWO BODYGUARDS ...AND I MEAN BODY GUARDS!
BUT WHERE ARE THEY GOING?
AROUND THE NEXT BEND--THE BATMAN GETS HIS ANSWER--
THAT'S THEIR DESTINATION--THE OBELISK... CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE!..WHERE SOMEONE ELSE IS WAITING FOR THEM!
I THINK IT'S TIME I GAVE THEM A LITTLE BUSINESS!
ONE CHERRY-VANILLA, PLEASE--WITH SPRINKLES!
THE BATMAN--?!
GUNS OUT!
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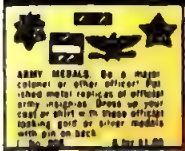

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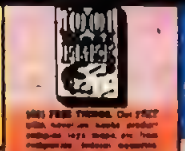

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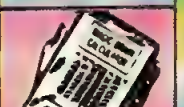
WHOOPEE CUSHION. Simply place it on someone's chair or couch. When he leans on it, he will sit down with a bang and whoopee noise! Break up around others better than good old fashioned whoopee. Be the life of the party. Be the center of attention. Be the one they remember!



MAGIC BRAIN CALCULATOR. Adds, subtracts and multiplies ... Just set the arrow where you want it to go with your finger ... Then, whatever you press [illegible]

ATOMIC JOY BUZZER. When it up and wear it like a ring. Shake hands and watch your friends JUMP! Place it on a chair and they will HIT the ceiling when they sit on it.

SNOWSTORM TABLETS. [illegible] actually cover a whole room. Watch the fun start when you place one of these almost invisible tablets on the burning end of a cigar or cigarette. Watch them turn for the show starts.

SURPRISE PACKAGE. Are you willing to take a chance? He won't tell you what you will receive but because you're willing to gamble we promise you much more than your money's worth.

JUGGLO GUN. Here's a magic [illegible] that almost any [illegible] can learn to do in a few minutes. Just a few hours [illegible] shoot from a single pistol. Above, a picture [illegible] and you never [illegible]

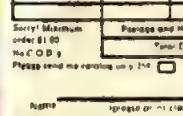
MAGIC SOAP POWDER. Sprinkle a little of this almost invisible magic powder on any soap. When anyone uses the soap their hands and face will turn bloody red. Never hurt. Drives them crazy! Harmless!

ATOM PISTOL. [illegible] BANG! [illegible]

SPY-SCOPE. [illegible]

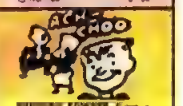
[illegible]

[illegible]



[illegible]

FLESH EATING PLANTS. [illegible] unusual plant in the world. Eats flies, bugs, spiders, etc. Feeds itself by trapping and eating these insects. Lives will stop that on anything anyone command. Easy to grow with special soil and full instruction [illegible]



SNEEZING POWDER. Have a little of this powder on your hand. Blow into the air, step back and watch the fun start. Everyone in the room will [illegible] Can be used a thousand times. Many more than a barrel full of monkeys.

MAGIC DRAWER. [illegible] open and shut and [illegible] Put any object into the drawer and at your command, PRESTO! It disappears! Open drawer and there the object [illegible]

MAGIC COLOR CRYSTALS. When you sprinkle any of these small [illegible] crystals into the [illegible] water, [illegible] you put your finger in the water [illegible]

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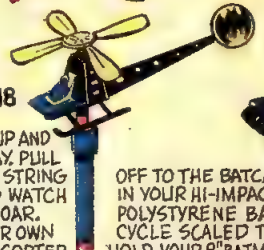

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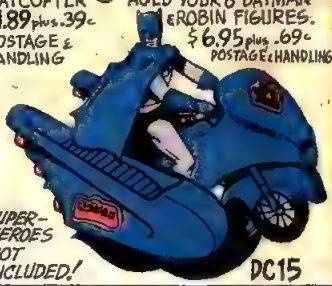

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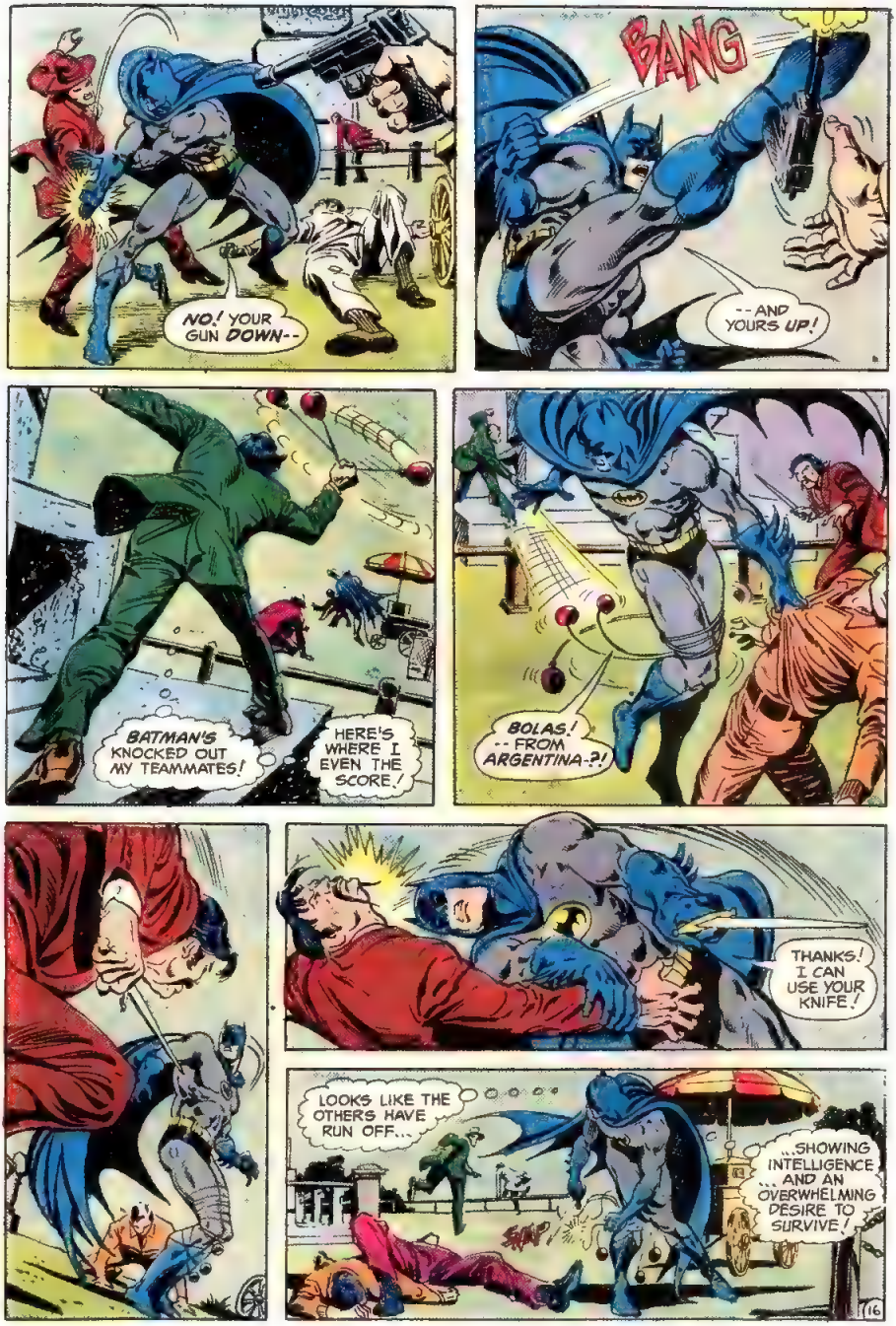
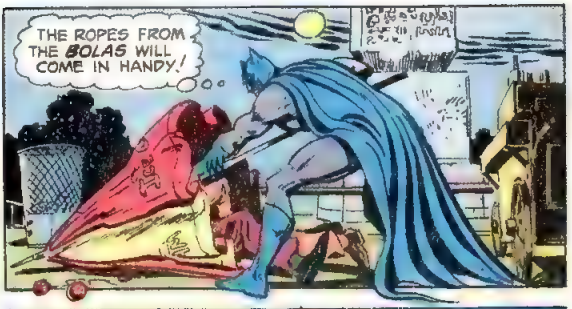
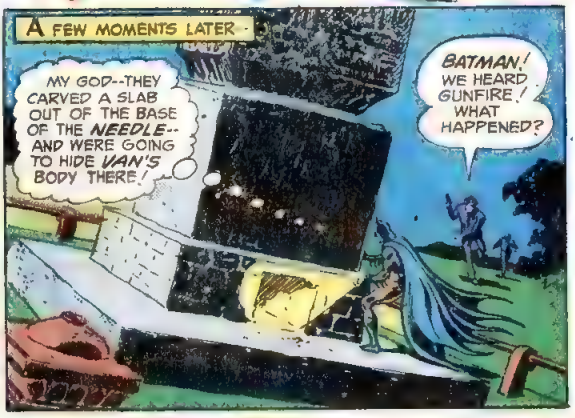
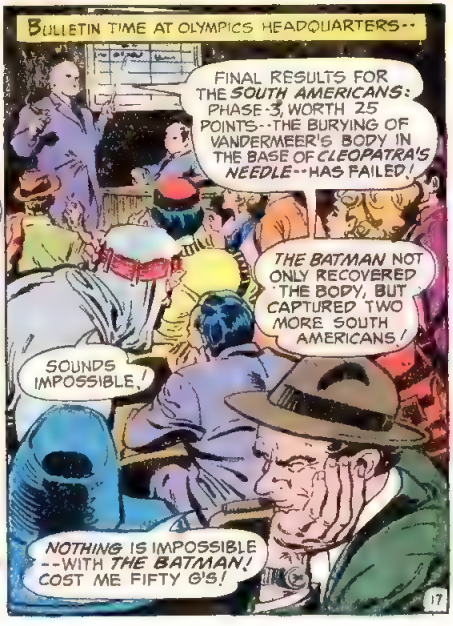

NO! YOUR GUN DOWN--
BANG
--AND YOURS UP!
BATMAN'S KNOCKED OUT MY TEAMMATES!
HERE'S WHERE I EVEN THE SCORE!
BOLAS! --FROM ARGENTINA-?!
THANKS! I CAN USE YOUR KNIFE!
LOOKS LIKE THE OTHERS HAVE RUN OFF...
...SHOWING INTELLIGENCE ... AND AN OVERWHELMING DESIRE TO SURVIVE!
SNAP!

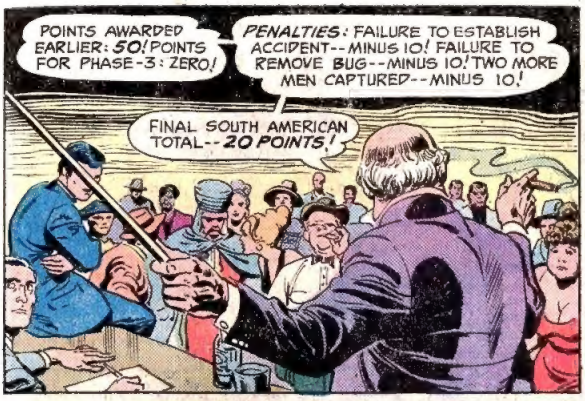
MIGHT AS WELL PACKAGE THESE TWO FOR DELIVERY!
ICE CREAM


THE ROPES FROM THE BOLAS WILL COME IN HANDY!


A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
MY GOD--THEY CARVED A SLAB OUT OF THE BASE OF THE NEEDLE--AND WERE GOING TO HIDE VAN'S BODY THERE!
BATMAN! WE HEARD GUNFIRE! WHAT HAPPENED?

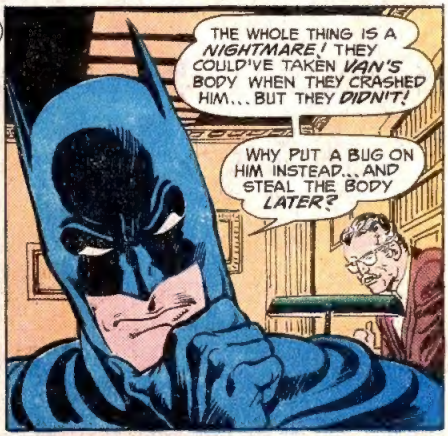
NOTHING MUCH, BOYS! JUST TAKE THESE TWO AWAY...
...BEFORE THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT BEATS YOU TO IT!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS ICE CREAM WAGON... AND ITS CONTENTS... MYSELF...
PLEASE DEPOSIT REFUSE HERE

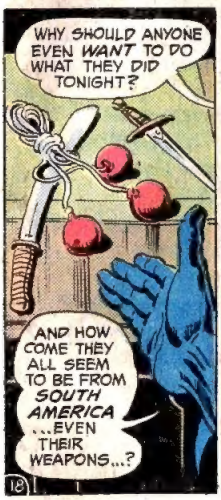

BULLETIN TIME AT OLYMPICS HEADQUARTERS--
FINAL RESULTS FOR THE SOUTH AMERICANS: PHASE 3, WORTH 25 POINTS--THE BURYING OF VANDERMEER'S BODY IN THE BASE OF CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE--HAS FAILED!
THE BATMAN NOT ONLY RECOVERED THE BODY, BUT CAPTURED TWO MORE SOUTH AMERICANS!
SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE.
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE --WITH THE BATMAN! COST ME FIFTY G'S!

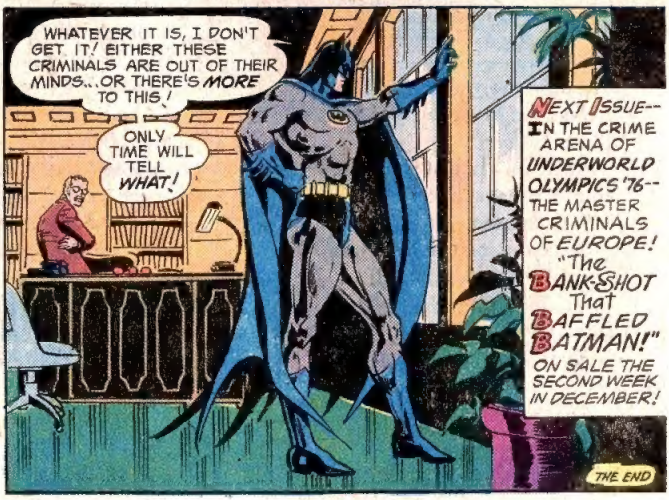

POINTS AWARDED EARLIER: 50! POINTS FOR PHASE-3: ZERO!
PENALTIES: FAILURE TO ESTABLISH ACCIDENT--MINUS 10! FAILURE TO REMOVE BUG--MINUS 10! TWO MORE MEN CAPTURED--MINUS 10!
FINAL SOUTH AMERICAN TOTAL--20 POINTS!

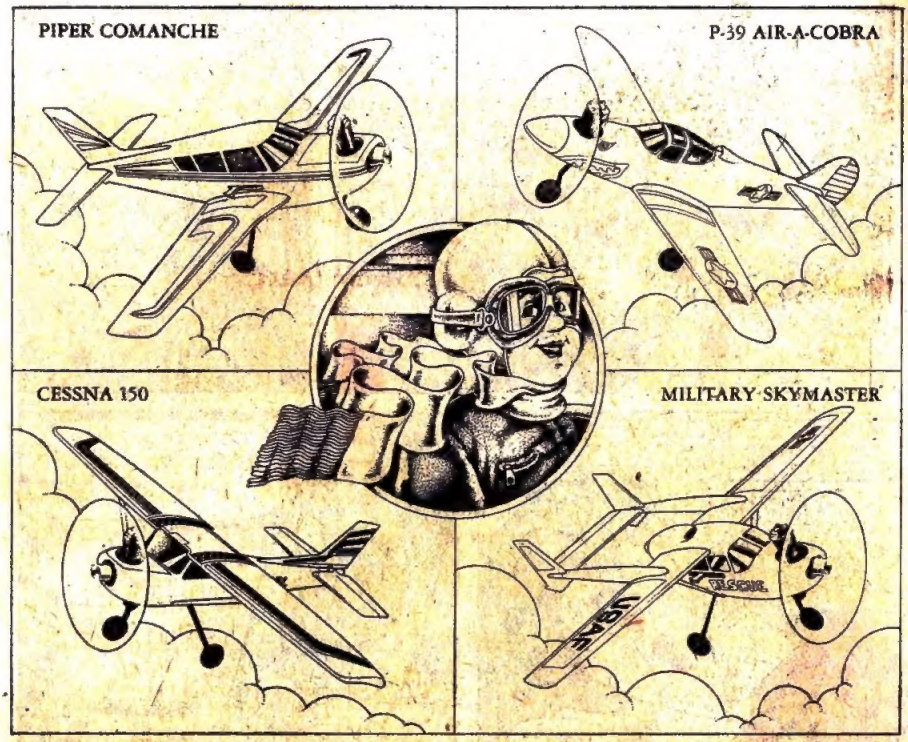
TOMORROW WE MEET AGAIN FOR THE NEXT DRAW! REMEMBER, SOME OF THE FINEST CRIMINAL ARTISTS IN THE WORLD ARE STILL TO BE HEARD FROM!

MIDNIGHT...IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE--
BATMAN, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO CATCH UP WITH YOU ALL NIGHT!
I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED --NOW TELL ME WHY?
WHY?-- I'VE BEEN RACKING MY BRAIN!


THE WHOLE THING IS A NIGHTMARE! THEY COULD'VE TAKEN VAN'S BODY WHEN THEY CRASHED HIM... BUT THEY DIDN'T!
WHY PUT A BUG ON HIM INSTEAD...AND STEAL THE BODY LATER?


WHY SHOULD ANYONE EVEN WANT TO DO WHAT THEY DID TONIGHT?
AND HOW COME THEY ALL SEEM TO BE FROM SOUTH AMERICA ...EVEN THEIR WEAPONS...?


WHATEVER IT IS, I DON'T GET IT! EITHER THESE CRIMINALS ARE OUT OF THEIR MINDS...OR THERE'S MORE TO THIS!
ONLY TIME WILL TELL WHAT!
NEXT ISSUE--
IN THE CRIME ARENA OF UNDERWORLD OLYMPICS '76--
THE MASTER CRIMINALS OF EUROPE!
"The BANK-SHOT That BAFFLED BATMAN!"
ON SALE THE SECOND WEEK IN DECEMBER!
THE END



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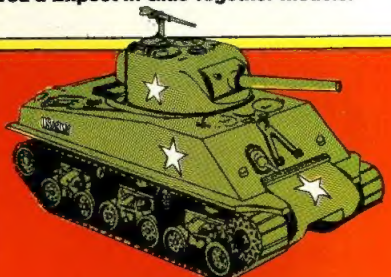

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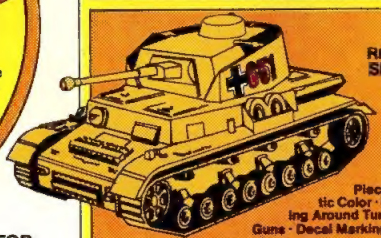

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